

**STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BEFORE THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD**

**IN RE:**

**BLACK HILLS/IOWA GAS UTILITY  
COMPANY, LLC d/b/a BLACK HILLS  
ENERGY**

**DOCKET NOS. SPU-2015-0039  
TF-2015-0352**

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF THE  
APPLICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

**STATE OF IOWA     )  
                              ) ss  
COUNTY OF POLK    )**


I, Tracy L. Peterson, being first duly sworn on oath, do hereby depose and state that I am the Operating Vice President for Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("BHE") and that I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in the Application for Confidential Treatment ("Application") filed concurrently.

For the reasons stated in the Application, it is my opinion that the Confidential Information (as defined in the Application), if released, would serve no public purpose. It is my understanding that the Iowa Utilities Board ("Board") and the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") require the Confidential Information to carry out their statutory responsibilities, and it is not my intent to withhold the Confidential Information from the Board or the OCA. Accordingly, the Application requests that the Confidential Information be withheld from general public inspection to the extent permitted by statute and by the rules of the Board.

  
Tracy L. Peterson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11 day of November, 2016.



  
Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa  
My Commission expires 9-19-2017